

# High Legh Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on **Monday 16 May 2022** at High Legh Village Hall

Present: M Cooper (Chairman)  
B Adams S Ruddock  
W Hind J Sykes  
N Hennerley J Tuck  
J Morton R Wright

In attendance: D Walker (Clerk), Mrs Batchelor and Mr Braddock  
Apologies: T Harrison, Lord Grey and BC Parkinson

### 1. Election of Chairman

Cllr Cooper was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Sykes.

### 2. Election of Vice Chairman

Cllr Sykes was proposed by Cllr Wright and seconded by Cllr Cooper.

### 3. Declarations of Acceptance of Office

Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk signed the forms

### 4. Finance - Audit

Appointment of Internal Auditor - Mark Stant of Davidson Stant, had agreed to continue. The accounts were accepted and signed. The Annual Governance and Accountability Return Part 3 for the External Auditor was authorised and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

### 5. Appointments

Appointment of Planning Committee:

Cllr Cooper (Chairman)  
Cllr Hind  
Cllr Ruddock  
Cllr Sykes

Appointment of Finance Committee:

Cllr Tuck (Chairman)  
Cllr Adams  
Cllr Cooper  
Cllr Hind  
Cllr Wright

Appointment of Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee:

Cllr Harrison Cllr S Ruddock  
Cllr Morton A Braddock  
Cllr Wright L Batchelor  
Cllr Hennerley

Appointment of School House Committee:

Cllr Sykes (Chairman)  
Cllr Wright

Thanks were given to Cllr Hind for all his work.

Appointment of Traffic & Highways Committee:

Cllr Sykes (Chairman)  
Cllr Adams  
Cllr Cooper A Braddock  
Cllr Harrison L Batchelor  
Cllr Hind  
Cllr Ruddock  
Cllr Wright

Appointment of Complaints Panel:

Cllr Tuck (Chairman)  
Cllr Adams  
Cllr Harrison  
Cllr Hind  
Cllr Cooper

Appointment of HS2 & NPR Committee

Cllr Adams (Chairman)  
Cllr Ruddock  
Cllr Sykes  
Cllr Wright  
Cllr N Hennerley

Appointment of Climate Change and Environment Working Party inc. Plastic Free High Legh

Cllr Hennerley (Chairman)  
Cllr Harrison  
Cllr Morton  
Cllr Cooper

Appointment of Communications Committee

Alex Braddock (Chairman)  
Cllr Tuck  
Cllr Adams  
Cllr Hind  
Lorraine Batchelor

Appointment of Cycling and Walking Committee representatives

Cllr Adams  
Cllr Hennerley  
Cllr Ruddock

Appointment of Police Liaison Officers: Cllr Morton

Appointment of Adviser: Lord Grey

**6. Nomination of PC representatives on outside bodies:**

CA Cllrs Morton and Harrison  
High Legh Community Observatory Committee Cllr Harrison

All the above appointments were proposed by Cllr Wright, seconded by Cllr Hind and agreed.

**7.** The minutes of the meeting held on 4 April were confirmed.

**8. Declarations of Interest** Cllr Wright for the Village Hall.

**9. Planning**

The Planning Report had been circulated and Cllr Cooper went through the applications.

New applications:

22/1246M	Brook House Farm, Withers Lane	Change of use from offices back to residential
22/1687M	1B Wrenshot Lane	Proposed side and rear single storey extension and roof lights with first floor dormer, internal alterations and garden room/shed
22/1587M	Heywood, Crabtree Lane	Demolition of an existing single storey pitched ext of the house and connected porch and the construction of a new larger two storey ext.

Mr Wright explained an issue he has about a planning application. Clerk to write to Planning.

**10. Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Adams reported that the planning consultant was in communication with Cheshire East NP officers to find out how we can make changes to the NP document. Next meeting is on 16 June. Cllr Adams asked attendees to look at Goostrey's NP.

**11. Traffic Sub Committee**

Cllrs Sykes reported that a drawing of Peacock Lane/West Lane junction had been received. Borough Cllr Parkinson is asking for a Stop sign coming out of Peacock Lane. A quote had been received for some new poles for road traffic signs. This was accepted and the Clerk will order. Cllr Sykes will try to move forward with the mobile SID.

Complaints had been received about HGVs and mud on the road on Swineyard Lane. Cllr Sykes was in contact with the owner of the site.

Complaints had been received about a site on Moss Lane. Clerk to action.

**12. Improvements, Amenities and Appearance Committee**

Cllr Ruddock reported that the equipment had arrived at Ansa's depot and should be installed in June.

**13. HS2/NPR**

Cllr Adams reported that HS2 are depositing additional provision material relating to the High Speed Two (HS2) Phase 2b Crewe – Manchester route.

Cllr Hennerley said that the PC has the availability of petitioning the Hybrid Bill. He suggested that Mid Cheshire Against HS2 attend a meeting with the PC. Cllr Hennerley will arrange for them to come at 6.30pm on 27 June.

**14. Finance**

The accounts to date had been circulated and Cllr Tuck explained the present position.

**Accounts for Payment**

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment retrospectively:

HLVH room rent	£55.00
D Thomason	£96.00
Campbell's	£90.00
Bryan Field	£582.00
Office Reality	£1548.70

RESOLVED that the following be authorised for payment:

Zurich Insurance	£745.27
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All agreed

- 15. Climate Change** – Minutes of the meeting on 25 April had been circulated and an article for the Newsletter. Cllr Hennerley suggested that this Working Group could send input to the Planning Committee on some planning applications re climate/environmental implications. It was agreed that the Newsletter article should come from the Working Group.

**16. Cycling & Walking**

Minutes of the meeting on 27 April had been circulated.

**17. Communications Sub-Committee**

A Zoom meeting had been held with councillors, the CA and a website provider. It was agreed to go ahead and sign the letter of intent and pay the invoice.

**18. Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

Minutes had been circulated. Cllr Cooper informed the meeting of the present position. All the children in the parish will receive a commemorative coin and a keepsake tin. Mr Braddock suggested planting a tree on the Golf Course near the bridge on the footpath between Wrenshot Lane and Peacock Lane. He will proceed with costings.

**19. Matters arising from the minutes and reports from councillors**

- i) Old School House – Cllr Sykes said that quotes from decorators were being obtained.
- ii) High Legh School – Newsletter had been circulated.
- iii) HLCA – Cllr Morton reported that a fence had been erected between the OSH garden and the courtyard. Sunday Teas had started on 1 May.

**20. New Business**

- i) CE Traffic Consolidation Order – noted.
- ii) CE Highways Service Survey – Cllr Hind will circulate a response.
- iii) CE Community Government Review – noted.
- iv) Knutsford Memorial. Cllr Wright will draft a response of support.
- v) Cllr Cooper proposed, seconded by Cllr Morton that the Clerk's hours be increased from 10 to 12 hours per week. Carried.

**21. Date of next meeting: Monday, 27 June at 7.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m. for HS2 meeting.**

Meeting finished at 9.45 p.m.